

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Everyone knows that the public is deeply divided over the current election campaign, and parties and political organizations should pay money in order to air their varying views on the matter in the appropriate time slots. Sinclair's choice to breach these clear rules should be dealt with.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.